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REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Withers for the indication that claims 2-10 and 12-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, claims 1, 11, 23, and 24 have been amended and claims 2 and 12 have been canceled. In particular, independent claims 1 and 23 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claim 2, and independent claims 11 and 24 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claim 12.

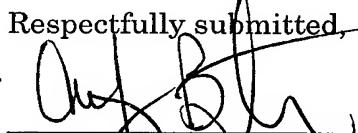
Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-24 are presented for further examination.

Prompt favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #010986.56896US).

Respectfully submitted,

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